GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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TELEPHONE EXCHANG IN HILLY AND INACCESSIBLE AREAS
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the telephone exchanges targetted to be set up in hilly and inaccessible areas during the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) the places where telephone exchanges could not be set up due to non-supply of M.C.P.C. and other equipments in time, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve the target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) It is proposed to set up 299 telephone exchanges in the hilly and inaccessible areas during the current financial year. The State-wise targets are given below:-

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Assam      =  4,
Bihar     = 13;
Himachal Pradesh  = 75;
J&K     = 30;
Karnataka  = 12;
Madhya Pradesh  = 20 ;
Maharashtra  = 67;
North East  = 40
 (Arunachal Pr =  2,
 Manipur  =  3,
 Meghalaya = 11,
 Mizoram  = 10,
 Nagaland =  4,
 Tripura  = 10)
Orissa    = 22;
West Bengal  = 11;
Sikkam    =  5.
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There are no plans for hilly /inaccessible areas, if any, in the remaining States.

(b) The State-wise information is given in the Annex.

(c) The procurement action has already been taken . Purchase orders have been issued. The equipments are under field evaluation for M/s PCL/PDISL ,Chandigarh. The equipments are yet to be supplied by M/s PCL/PDISL, Chandigarh and ITI, Bangalore.